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Types of Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of different types of passenger trains being operated in the country;

(b) the criteria for fixing of different type of trains, category-wise and train-wise;

(c) the number of times fare has been increased during the last three years;

(d) whether the fare of Suvidha rail are different from other trains; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): At present, Mail/Express trains which include Superfast Express, Shatabdi Express, Duronto Express, Rajdhani Express, AC superfast Express, Intercity express, Sampark Kranti Express etc. and local trains which include Passenger/Fast Passenger trains, MEMU, DEMU, EMU etc. are running over Indian Railways. As per Year Book 2014-15, 13098 trains (including EMU/Mail/Express/Ordinary Passenger and Mixed Trains) are being run daily over Indian Railways.

(b): Presently, the prevalent criterion for classifying trains is on the basis of average speed. The trains are classified into "Superfast Express" and "Non-Superfast/Mail/Express" trains. Superfast Express trains are those passenger carrying trains with an average speed of 55 KMPH or more on Broad Gauge and 45 KMPH or more on the Metre Gauge on end to end basis.

(c): During 2013-14 there was no increase in either Second Class Ordinary (Suburban) or Second Class MST fares. However, from 07.10.2013 fares for Second Class Ordinary (Non-Suburban) were increased by a maximum of ? 5/- in select distance slabs, while in the other distance slabs there was no increase in existing fares. In all other classes, the fares were increased by 2% on account of Fuel Adjustment Component (FAC).
In 2014-15, Passenger fares for all classes were increased from 25.06.2014 by 14.2% inclusive of 4.2% on account of Fuel Adjustment Component (FAC). However, there was no increase in Second Class (Ordinary) Suburban fares upto a distance of 80 kilometers.
During 2015-16 Passenger fares have not been increased, however, the minimum chargeable passenger fare for Second Class Non-suburban services has been increased from ? 5 to ? 10 to bring it at par with the rate of Platform tickets from 22.11.2015.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The Minimum fare of Suvidha trains is equal to Tatkal fare applicable for the class of accommodation for initial 20% of the berths and thereafter the fare increases for subsequent slabs of 20% of seats/berths booked subject to maximum three times of the Tatkal fare. Other charges like reservation charge, catering charge, Superfast surcharges, Service Tax etc. are chargeable in full wherever applicable.

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